

PATENT

Art Unit:1654

Examiner:Lukton

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Durette et al

Serial No.:

09/086,327

Case No.: 19965Y

Filed:

May 28, 1998

For:

Heterocyclic Amide Compounds as Cell Adhesion

Inhibitors

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

There is an outstanding office action mailed April 9, 1999 for which the three-month response period, being extended by one-month with the accompanying petition, now ends August 9, 1999. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

ADD the following claim:

--21. A compound having the formula Ia:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date appearing below.

MERCK & CO., INC.

By: Mallie Date: 8/9/99

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